Automated Commercial Environment—Requirements Recommendation

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Requirement

Importer application / rejection / amendment / removal / appeal process

FDA and NHTSA should participate in the Track 4 importer application, approval, amendment and removal processes. This might be modeled at least in part after the review of AES Option 4 applications by a "panel of participating partnership agencies."

NEXT STEPS: Draft proposed wording for future Federal Register notices. Determine additional application and amendment information requirements (if any) for FDA and NHTSA.

Business Need

Because they impose admissibility requirements for certain classes of merchandise, participation of FDA and NHTSA in the Track 4 importer application, approval, amendment and removal processes will permit a comprehensive inter-agency determination of the appropriateness of Track 4 release processing.

Technical Need

Benefits

Provides an orderly process for inter-agency Track 4 eligibility determinations. Prompt consideration of importer amendment data by all relevant agencies will permit importers to maintain uniform import operations. Implementing conventional clearance procedures for a new supplier while Track 4 approval is pending can create substantial delays and expense.

Risks

If consolidated interagency responses are dependent on various PGA systems, additional points of potential failure are introduced to the process for Track 4 eligibility determinations.

Related Subcommittees
Entry

Priority: **Critical** ☐ **High** **X** **Medium** ☐ **Low** ☐

Customs Use Only		
Approved ☐	Not Approved ☐	Further Evaluation Required ☐